

may be expected the Boers will return to the attack of Ladysmith after they are beaten off, so long as they have a position and men within the city. The British are fully cognizant that the news of their success will bring thousands of sympathizers and adventurers to their aid.

The active operations of the last few days have shown a cavalry under modern conditions armed with long-range weapons in an entirely new light, proving them able to work as infantry both alone and in conjunction with foot soldiers. These volunteers have shown themselves able to hold infantry positions against mounted infantry, which, under previous conditions, they were unable to do.

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British Alarmed As to Possible Tactics of Boers.

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down the gullies and trying to surprise our scouts. Happily, they meet with no success, as our troops are alert and push them back with inferior numbers. General Buller has about 2,000 men, and the Boers have about 1,000 men. General Buller's force has not yet been reinforced. The Free State has a large number of guns on the hills to the northwest of Hephworth's farm, which is four miles north of here.

A small reconnoitering force is out. At present our troops are resting here and the situation is satisfactory. Large supplies are already stored in each place and in addition to some cattle which arrived.

The Free State Boers appear to have moved their force to the scene of action at Matatwan Hook. Probably 7,000 are there with guns. Probably 7,000 are there with guns. Probably 7,000 are there with guns.

Colonel Baden-Powell returned a curt refusal to surrender, together with the sarcastic inquiry "will the blood-sucking Boers be satisfied?"

The only blood spilled thus far in consequence of the shelling of the Boers has been that of one chicken, which was killed by a shell. The Boers are now in a position to attack the British at any time.

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THE REBELS MAN ATTACKED BY MUSKRATS

Americans Defeat Filipinos and Kill Officers and Men.

OUR TROOPS' SMALL LOSS

REPORT FROM PRISONERS IN HANDS OF INSURGENTS.

Lieutenant Gilmore and Companions 'Are Being Well Treated'—Spanish Captives, However, Are Far-Going Badly—Luna's Relative Wants Revenge On Aguinaldo.

Manila, Oct. 30.—Three companies of Colonel Bell's regiment had two encounters with the insurgents near Laban and scattered them. The insurgents lost four officers and eight men in the field, and the Americans captured several guns. On the American side one man was killed and two officers and six men wounded.

Captain French took a reconnoitering party beyond Laban after he had beaten the enemy and was reinforced by Major Bishop with two companies. The insurgents brought up cavalry reinforcements, and there was a second fight, during which their leader, Major Salazar, was killed. Many were wounded and carried away.

Colonel Bell has been given a free hand around Bacolor. He has sixty mounted men, and they are killing many Filipinos in skirmishes. The Spanish commission which entered the island a month ago with money to relieve the wants of several thousand military and civil Spanish prisoners, returned to Angeles Bay, where they spent the time in Tarlac and vicinity, where there are some 3,000 sick Spaniards in the hospital.

Several Utah men have purchased farm property in the Grande Ronde valley in Oregon, where the way the Republic of Columbia, who makes it a business to locate persons in the valley, has succeeded in selling to three men of Nephi and Seale over \$3,000 worth of farm property. The remainder of the journey from Bambo to Angeles Bay was made on foot and escorted by a large number of mounted Filipino cavalry.

There are fourteen American prisoners, they say, at Tarlac, all of whom are well treated. Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore, who fell into the hands of the insurgents at Balor, on the east coast of Luzon, last April, where the Yorktown was captured in a special mission to relieve the Spanish garrison, is at Binang. The commissioners have brought a letter to General Otis from a relative of the murdered Filipino general, Luna, who wishes to avenge the assassination of his son, and who is now in the hands of the insurgents.

Aguinaldo Wants to Fight. According to the commissioners' statement, Aguinaldo, who is still at Tarlac, is anxious to fight. He is of the opinion that the American officers and soldiers, General Lawton he calls "El Indio," and General MacArthur, "El General," because that commander has attacked him so often in the darkness that he never knows when to look for him.

Aguinaldo is said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition and he is able to get plenty of rice from the Spanish commissaries. He has a large number of women, the families of eight prominent officers of the Filipino army, who recently applied to General Otis for permission to send their families to Manila. Upon the receipt of the military governor's reply, the nature of which was not disclosed, the women and children started under the escort from Tarlac for the American lines.

When they arrived today, General MacArthur compelled them to leave about a mile beyond their outposts, where they will remain while their credentials are being examined. Twenty-second infantry entered Cabanatuan, meeting with no resistance. The natives welcomed the Americans, shouting "Viva los Americanos." Insurgent troops have fled to the mountains.

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